

## Message Text

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E.O. 1652: N/A

TAGS: CDES, IT

SUBJ: BAD WEATHER DELAYING RETURN OF BODY OF AMCIT JOHN NORRIS

REF: TURIN 0111

CASUALTY MESSAGE

1. AS OF 1700 LOCAL, MARCH 13, OFFICE OF COMMANDER, GRUPPO CARABINIERI DI AOSTA, INFORMED US THAT ALPINE RESCUE TEAM HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO RETURN TO BODY OF AMCIT JOHN NORRIS, KILLED MARCH 12 WHEN HIS SAILPLANE CRASHED HIGH IN 3,000 METER MOUNTAINS SURROUNDING VAL D AOSTA. TEAM WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM NORRIS DEATH WHEN THEY REACHED SITE LATE NIGHT MARCH 12, BUT DARKNESS AND BAD WEATHER PREVENTED REMOVAL OF BODY. SITE OF CRASH VERY DIFFICULT TO REACH UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AND CURRENT BAD WEATHER, PLUS DANGER OF AVALANCHES, PREVENTING RETURN TO SITE BY TEAM OR USE OF HELICOPTER.

2. ALPINE MOUNTAIN TEAM REMAINING AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO CRASH SITE AND WILL ATTEMPT TO REACH BODY AS SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

3. UNTL BODY REACHES AOSTA, WE CANNOT SEND MODIFIED DIRECT  
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RELAY NOTIFICATION DEATH TELEGRAM. WE WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH AOSTA AUTHORITIES AND WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS IMMEDIATELY. ACCIDENT WITH NAME AND NATIONALITY OF VICTIM HAS BEEN REPORTED IN MORNING AND EVENING LOCAL PRESS IN TURIN.  
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